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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure:

-- The present invention relates to a method for fabricating a functional dental element, such as a crown. According to the invention, use is made of a three-dimensional printing technique. The major advantages of the invention are that no mold is needed anymore, which entails a considerable saving of costs, that a great accuracy is achieved, and that the element can be made of different materials. --

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

-- **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

(1) Field of the Invention --

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3:

-- (2) Description of Related Art --

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 23:

-- **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Please insert the following heading before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 10:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- When a ceramic material is used for forming the dental element, this is preferably selected from the group of SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, K<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>O, CaO, BaO, CrO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, BaO, CoO<sub>2</sub>, La<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MgO, ZnO, Li<sub>2</sub>O and combinations thereof. Optionally, ceramic compositions can further contain F or P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. Particularly suitable ceramic materials are the commercially available compositions Vitadur®, IPS Empress®, Dicor®, IPS Empress II®, Cerestone®, Cere Pearl® and In-Ceram®

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